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SUBJECT: NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION PLANS TO SEND MISSION
TO ARGENTINA

1. THE ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT IT PLANS TO SPONSOR A MISSION OF LAWYERS TO VISIT ARGENTINA FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DETENTIONS AND DISAPPEARANCES OF DEFENSE LAWYERS IN ARGENTINA. THE MISSION WILL CONSIST OF FIVE LAWYERS, HEADED BY ORVILLE H. SCHELL, JR., PAST PRESIDENT OF THE NYC BAR ASSOCIATION. THE GROUP PLANS TO SPEND SEVEN TO NINE DAYS IN ARGENTINA DURING THE SECOND OR THIRD WEEK OF MARCH.

2. THE BAR ASSOCIATION HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT, IN PARTICULAR BY FACILITATING AN INVITATION FOR THE MISSION FROM THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. WE ARE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE VISIT AND ARE INCLINED TO SUPPORT THE BAR ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN SECURING AN INVITATION. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY, WITH FOLLOW-UP AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE THROUGH YOU. BEFORE DOING SO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. A SIMILAR MISSION SPONSORED BY THE BAR WAS UNDERTAKEN IN URUGUAY WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THAT GOVERNMENT. IT WAS PROFESSIONALLY CONDUCTED AND PRODUCED SOME POSITIVE RESULTS WITH REGARD TO INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEYS. CHRISTOPHER

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